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TAGS: EFIN ETRD CH

SUBJ: PRC GOLD SALES AND GOLD RESERVES

REF: A. PEKING 1295; B. HONG KONG 8646;

C. STATE 169025

1. REF A PROVIDED VERY USEFUL SUMMARY OF MUCH INFORMATION  
NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO US. WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE A  
COPY OF THE REPORT ITSELF BY POUCH.

2. DURING TALK WITH BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION PRC TRADE  
OFFICERS, WE REVIEWED PRC GOLD AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE RE-  
SERVES POSITION ALONG LINES OF PARA 5 REF B, AND THEY WERE  
VERY INTERESTED. WE WILL PASS A SANITIZED COPY OF OUR  
COMMENTS TO THEM LATER THIS WEEK, AND WE PLAN TO USE THAT  
OCCASION TO ASK WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL PRC-CONTROLLED  
BANKS. THAT IS A SUBJECT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED,  
BUT WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS EVEN THOUGH BANKS ARE REQUIRED  
BY REGULATION TO FILE WITH THE BANKING COMMISSIONER

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MONTHLY REPORTS ON THEIR HOLDINGS AND EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES.

3. IF A SUITABLE OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF IN PEKING, AN  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ON YOUR PART MIGHT BE A USEFUL  
SUPPLEMENT TO OUR EFFORTS HERE. PARTICULAR INTEREST  
CENTERS ON REMITTANCES, RMB ACCOUNTS AND OTHER INVISIBLES  
ACQUIRED OR TRANSFERRED THROUGH HONG KONG.  
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